

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Young children need healthy meals to learn. This letter is intended for parent or guardians of children enrolled at either a child care center or a family day care home. _____ offers healthy meals to all enrolled children as part of our participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The CACFP provides reimbursements for healthy meals and snacks served to children enrolled in child care.

Please help us comply with the requirements of the CACFP by completing the attached income application as soon as possible. In addition, by filling out this form, we will be able to determine if your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced price meals.

The completed form will be placed in our files and treated as confidential information. All children in our program receive their meals free of charge, but the determination of eligibility category affects the amount of federal funding received by the provider. If your household's income is equal to or less than the amounts indicated for your household's size on the chart below, the provider will receive a higher level of reimbursement.

1. **Who should I include as members of my household?** You must include all people in your household (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends who live with you). You must include yourself and all children who live with you.
2. **How do I report income information and changes in employment status?** The income you report must be the total gross income listed by source for each household member received last month. If last month's income does not accurately reflect your circumstances, you may provide a projection of your monthly income. If no significant change has occurred, you may use last month's income as a basis to make this projection. **What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you normally get. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you only get it sometimes.
3. **What if I have foster children?** Foster children are eligible for free meals regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside.
4. **The Kinship Care Program** operates under similar guidelines as that of foster care but the children are placed with family members. Under the Kinship Care Program, the state has custody of the child(ren) until permanent placement takes place (about 2 years later).
5. **We are in the military; do we include our housing and supplemental allowances as income?** If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative and you receive the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance, do not include these allowances as income. Also, in regard to deployed service members, only that portion of a deployed service member's income made available by them or on their behalf to the household will be counted as income to the household. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no person will be discriminated against because of race, color, nation origin, sex, age or disability.

If you have questions or need help, call _____ at _____

INCOME ELIGIBILITY SCALE

Income Guidelines for Free/Reduced Price Meals Effective July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016		
Household Size	Reduced Price Meals	
	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Yearly</i>
1	\$1,815	\$21,775
2	\$2,456	\$29,471
3	\$3,098	\$37,167
4	\$3,739	\$44,863
5	\$4,380	\$52,559
6	\$5,022	\$60,255
7	\$5,663	\$67,951
8	\$6,304	\$75,647
For each additional family member add:	\$642	\$7,696

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve the provider tier 1 or tier 2. You must include the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application. The Social Security Number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR) case number for the Participant or other (FDPIR) identifier or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We will use your information to determine if the provider is tier 1 or tier 2, and for administration and enforcement of the program.

Non-discrimination Statement: "In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Sponsor Representative

Phone Number

If you have questions about the CACFP and its administration, you may contact Deanna Tackett, Division Director at 502/564-5625 or at the following address: School and Community Nutrition, Kentucky Department of Education, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601